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About Richard

During his career, Richard Danysh has tried approximately 40 civil jury trials to verdict and has been recognized for his skill by his peers with election as a fellow in the American College of Trial Lawyers. He has also initiated, prepared and participated in numerous "mock trials" in cases involving claims for substantial damages. His work has encompassed all aspects of state and federal trials, arbitration and forms of alternative dispute resolution.

His cases have run a wide spectrum including breach of contract, fraud, tortious interference, personal injury defense, wrongful death, premises liability, property damage, lender liability and related disputes. In addition, he has experience in environmental tort litigation. Richard's clients come from a variety of industries including brewing, sports, energy, financial services and manufacturing.

Recent Notable Matters

Bexar County, Texas — cross-action by Bexar County against a surety, NGM Insurance Company, to a performance bond for the performance of an IT contract for the acquisition and implementation of an integrated justice system which resulted in a $2.9 million settlement

Tim Duncan — lead counsel in actions prosecuted on behalf of former NBA player for the San Antonio Spurs against his former financial advisor, Charles Banks, for breach of fiduciary relationship, fraud, securities violations and related causes of action

Valero Energy Corporation — lead counsel in a declaratory judgment action for "additional insured" coverage and indemnity against seven insurers and six contractors to recover sums paid to settle wrongful death/personal injury action brought against Valero and others after an explosion and flash fire at a Memphis refinery

CPS Energy — defense and prosecution of cross-action in federal district court for breach of contract for the construction of high energy transmission lines after the collapse of a lattice tower and transmission lines upon rush hour traffic in Northwest San Antonio

Anheuser-Busch Inc. — successful prosecution of motion for summary judgment for defense fees and costs, all settlement payments or judgment amounts incurred in wrongful death actions filed in Texas and Missouri

Sea World Texas Inc., Sea World California, a division of Sea World Inc. and Busch Entertainment Corporation — successful prosecution of breach of contract action and defense of breach of contract, fraud, tortious interference, negligent misrepresentation claims arising out of multi state relationship with vendor in recreation/entertainment industry (three-week trial in California)

Warm Springs Rehabilitation Foundation Inc. — successful arbitration of disputes arising from acquisition of rehabilitation entity and facility

Warm Springs Rehabilitation Foundation Inc. — breach of contract action arising from the operation and winding-down of the joint ownership of a rehabilitation facility

Warm Springs Rehabilitation Foundation Inc. d/b/a Warm Springs Rehabilitation Hospital-San Antonio, Warm Springs Rehabilitation Hospital-Gonzales, and Warm Springs Rehabilitation Hospital-Victoria — breach of contract claim by health care supplier of hyperbaric service to rehabilitation facility after changes in Medicare reimbursement industry

Service Corporation International, et al. — defense of restraint of trade/anti-trust; defamation and tortious interference claims asserted by discount retail funeral merchandiser

American General Finance Inc. — financial services case

City of San Antonio, Texas — resolution of construction contract dispute for gas line rehabilitation and extension work and other CPS matters

Sea World Texas Inc. — defense of child death by drowning and post-event medical care

City of San Antonio, Texas — defense of wrongful death case arising from death during installation of transmission lines and prosecution of contractual and statutory indemnity claims. Client's portion of settlement funded by other defendants and substantial portion of defense costs reimbursed to client

City of San Antonio, Texas/City Public Service — defense of wrongful death case arising from an electrocution of decedent upon contact with distribution conductors while harvesting pecans. Case was settled after mock trial

City of San Antonio, Texas/City Public Service — defense of gas and electric utility in significant explosion of residence resulting in burns and inhalation injuries. Defense included a mock trial and a three-week jury

trial that went to verdict

City of San Antonio/City Public Service — defense of utility in action arising from gas explosion of a residence resulting in burns and property damage. Case was tried to verdict.

The City Public Service Board of the City of San Antonio, et al. — defense of a multi party wrongful death action arising from an electrocution of a pedestrian after contact with a TxDOT pull box.

City of San Antonio, Texas by and through City Public Service Board of San Antonio, et al. — defense of gas and electric utility in multi-party wrongful death action arising from collapse of a utility pole after telephone wire was struck by a truck.

City of Laredo, Texas — successful appeal of $1 million verdict which was reversed and rendered (did not try the cases that resulted in the verdict)

Bexar County Hospital District, Honeywell Inc. and Honeywell Medical Electronics Division a/k/a Electronics for Medicine — defense of products liability claim arising from a patient in a permanent vegetative state after claimed failure of heart monitor. Defense included a two-day mock trial

Southern Pacific Transportation Co. — successful defense of FELA claims

City of San Antonio, Texas — successful defense of claim arising out of destruction by fire of residence due to an electrical fire

VIA Metropolitan Transit Authority — numerous condemnation proceedings for VIA facilities

Publications and Speeches

“Mentoring Associates: Preparing for the Competition,” *SA Lawyer Magazine*, November-December 2016.

“Masters in Trial," *American Board of Trial Advocates*, June 2015.

"Texas Trial Academy," *Texas Fellows of the American College of Trial Lawyers & the Texas Access to Justice Commission of the State Bar*, 2011-2015.

Education

St. Mary's University School of Law, J.D.
1974

Tulane University, Bachelor of Arts
1971

Certifications

Basic Mediation Training

Noteworthy

BL Rankings, *Best Lawyers*, Bet-the-Company Litigation, 2008 - 2024; Commercial Litigation, 2008 - 2024; Mass Tort Litigation/Class Actions - Defendants, 2021 - 2024; San Antonio Lawyer of the Year, Bet-the-Company Litigation, 2020, 2023

Thomson Reuters, *Texas Super Lawyers*, 2003 - 2020

American City Business Journals, *San Antonio Business Journal*, Outstanding Lawyer Award, Litigation, 2012

State Bar of Texas, Stars of Texas Bars Awards, Feature/General Interest Series, 2017

Scene Monthly LLC, *Scene in SA*, San Antonio's Best Lawyers, Civil Litigation Defense, 2023

Affiliations

American College of Trial Lawyers, Fellow

American Board of Trial Advocates, Advocate

State Bar of Texas

San Antonio Bar Association

San Antonio Bar Foundation

Bar Admissions

Texas